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S. J. Wright of Lamar County is Chosen
Permanent Chairman Over
Rosenthal and DeGress.

D. C. Kolp of Wichita County Made Permanent
Secretary—Committees Appointed—
Gubernatorial Stock.

A NOISY DAY.
Special to the Gazette.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Sept. 4.—The Republican state convention was rapped to order this morning promptly at 10 o'clock by Temporary Chairman Hawley. There were not more than half the delegates present and those who were there had red eyes and a tired look. They had been wrangling in committee with closed doors nearly all night and scores of them have had no sleep. Every man closed up like a clam when questioned as to the details of the committee proceedings further than to announce with joyful gladness that the "lily whites" had been sat upon and mashed flat. This was the work of the committee on credentials. Every white contesting delegation was forbidden seats in the convention. Coney and his blacks are here for harmony, and they swear they will have it at any cost; or, to put it in the language of an ebullient statesman from the canebreaks of the Brazos bottom, "Dis yer am a fite before a Hog and de count dis season, and de coon from Galveston dose got de enemy in the water whar he want him."

When the convention met at 10 o'clock the committee on credentials was not ready to report. At their request a recess was taken until 11 o'clock, when they assembled after the recess the committee on permanent organization shocked the uninitiated by reporting in favor of S. J. Wright of Lamar county for chairman. Even Coney was surprised, and he mounted a chair and demanded that before he vote he be allowed to state that gentleman take the stand and define himself.

Wright made a short speech. He said he was a Republican, and if elected chairman he would discharge the duties impartially, nor would he appoint committees from his vest pocket. Neither would he accept the dictum of any one man or faction. This seemed to satisfy Coney and he lapsed into repose for a short time. Wright is the man who on yesterday was put up as

THE LILLY WHITE CANDIDATE for temporary chairman, and was so unmercifully slaughtered by Coney's man, Hawley. His rivals for the place in committee were Judge Rosenthal of Fayette and Col. DeGress of Travis. He beat them two to one.

D. C. Kolp of Wichita was chosen permanent secretary, and S. C. McCoy of Galveston and J. H. Stuart of Robertson as assistants. Superintendent McCoy is a mulatto and one of Coney's main henchmen in the Galveston county house. It is not known what influence brought about Wright's selection unless it was intended as a sop to the sore and bleeding lily whites. It may also indicate a very conservative course with reference to the force bill, as, of course, Chairman Wright can constitute the committee on resolutions to suit his sentiments.

The gubernatorial stock of the Hon. Webster Finagun took a big jump today. It is, however, generally conceded that Judge Bell can have the nomination if he wants it, but his friends say he will not accept it. Finagun very openly and bluntly declares himself an aspirant. He says he is extremely anxious to secure the nomination even at great personal sacrifice in order to meet Hogg on the stump all over Texas. Osterhout of Bell is also still quite popular, while Hector of Travis has a large following.

The proceedings on the whole to-day were fruitless except for much noise.

A LONG WAIT.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Sept. 4.—The convention had not assembled at the appointed hour, 9 o'clock. Very few delegates were in the hall at that time. A couple of reporters at the tables on the stand fifty or sixty of the colored delegates looking woody and almost about reading the Express or trying to brace up over the late watches of the previous evening.

At 10 a. m. Chairman Hawley and Secretaries Kolp and Stewart arrived, and not half the delegates were on hand. The committee on permanent organization was in session in the little room out in the yard, while the committee on credentials was still in the boom of its deliberations. The delegates who were present had a tired and languid air, with none of the ardor and rebounding enthusiasm of the previous day. Many blood-shot eyes blinked lazily, while there was a tendency to fill their chairs. Not so many patrons of the bar were noticed as during

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. At 10:05 Chairman Hawley rapped order to say that the convention would take a recess until 12 o'clock, at which time the committee on credentials would be ready to report.

At the noon hour, when the recess had expired, and the delegates were assembled, the committee waited half an hour until they could through a messenger hear what delayed the committee on credentials. Chairman Rosenthal sent a message to ask until 3 p. m. to make the report. Chairman Hawley then called the convention to order and announced further recess till 3 p. m. to accommodate

THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS. Mr. Cochran of Dallas county then mounted the platform and attempted to speak, but was howled down.

Rev. H. Watts of Houston took a turn, and as he had a voice like a buzz-saw, he brought back the crowd, which was dispersing, and delivered a speech, in which he said that it was predicted by the Democrats that the convention would break up in a mob, but he wanted the convention to disprove it. He was a slave, he said, and when he packed his

young master's books he was taught manners, and he took the Democrats to have manners and treated the Republican convention properly. He wanted the Democrats to know that the Republicans were coming out of bondage. It was like the rabbit and the coon. The coon used to go down to the well every morning, muddying the water. One time the rabbit got there first, but he

WELL IN THE WELL. There were two buckets, one went down as the other went up. The coon came along and said, "brer rabbit, how did you get down?" "Never mind how I got down, brer coon," replied the rabbit, "get in the bucket and come down." The coon did so, and when the two buckets met the rabbit said: "Ah, brer coon, you're coming down, but I'm coming out," and he jumped out and escaped.

So it is with the Republican party in Texas, it is coming out. The speaker jumped on the Republicans who tried to draw the color line saying they were like the preacher who had the hornets' nest in his pants who said he had God in his mouth but hell in his pants. The lily white has the devil in his heart. The colored man did not want

SOCIAL EQUALITY, to eat at the white man's table and to sleep in his bed. He wanted political equality, and the white men to leave the negroes' wives alone. When this convention is over, every lily white this side of Africa will be as black as Africa's blackest sons.

The success of Brother Watts brought out Cochran of Dallas, who then made a general political speech, arraigning the Democrats and calling on the colored men to stick to the Republican party. The chairman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Rosenthal, chairman of the committee on credentials, appeared on the stand ready to report. Before he reported the clerk read the names of the following sergeants-at-arms: J. L. Foran, M. M. Cone, James Scott, James Dotson, Henry Green, and the chair ordered the aisles cleared.

The chairman stated that the appointment of C. C. Pierce as a member of the committee on permanent organization by mistake, as Mr. Smoot had been regularly chosen by the district from which he was a delegate.

C. C. Claiborne made some protest about not being recognized by the committee to which he had been appointed, but it went no further. Mr. Rosenthal arose and said the committee on credentials

HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT and begs leave to report. At first propose to present the names of the uncontested counties and their votes. Afterward will be presented the names of the delegates from the contested delegations. This was the order of the report and the secretary was asked to read the report on the county votes.

Mr. O'Neal, secretary of the committee, then read as follows: To the Chairman of the Republican State Convention Assembled in San Antonio, Texas: We, your committee on credentials, beg leave to report that we find the following counties represented by uncontested delegations that are entitled to the following votes: (For the names of delegates entitled to a vote we beg leave to refer to the original list of delegates with filed and made part of this report.)

Then followed a list of counties to the number of 139 counties and 1671 votes. Mr. Renfro of Corpus Christi made a protest against the apportionment to Starr county of three votes, saying it was entitled to four votes. This protest was denied. Mr. Renfro then protested against the apportionment to Hidalgo county of three votes, saying the Republican county officers there had been driven into Mexico by the state troops. The protest was also granted.

Hidalgo county was given four votes. On motion this part of the report of the committee on credentials was accepted.

Mr. Rosenthal then read the report on the contested delegations, saying the committee had decided as it did with only one view—the good of the Republican party.

Each county was taken in turn. Jefferson and McLennan counties were approved after Mr. Rosenthal stated that the committee had carried to heart the contest. As for Bexar county they were both sides, which were ably represented. They had tried to get both sides to conciliate their differences, but without avail. They then decided to admit the delegation named. The convention approved the report on Bexar county with perhaps a dozen votes.

McLwitt, a contestee from Harris county, asked leave to make a few remarks about the report on this county. He spoke in a rapid manner as he moved his arms in an auctioneering fashion and a dozen votes.

UNBOTTLED HIS VEST. Mr. Rosenthal, for the committee on credentials, who wished the convention to listen to both sides and to give the contestants as much attention as had been given them in the committee meeting.

was possible the committee was mistaken and moved the rejection of the report. Mr. Rosenthal then said that if ever there was a patient hearing granted and great latitude allowed it was granted the contestants in this case. The seated delegation carried with it only a bare majority and had the chairman had a vote then he would have voted for the McPherson delegation, but he bowed to the will of the majority in order to discourage bolters. "Soup for the goose is soup for the gander," he said. It was now moved that the report of the committee on credentials be adopted. As this could not be ascertained viva voce,

A VOTE BY COUNTIES was ordered. Before it could be begun the chair said that it was understood that those voting in the affirmative voted for the rejection of the report of the committee on credentials.

Dallas county called for a poll, it having been instructed to vote as a unit. A majority of 11 to 5 votes declared for aye. The chair ruled, however, that every man was a unit, and could vote as he pleased. The vote, which was the test of the convention, stood 114 ayes, and 542 noes.

A motion to admit proxies to the convention was carried.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION. A. S. Sanders, chairman of the committee on permanent organization, then read the following report of his committee:

To the Chairman and Delegates of the Republican Convention: We, your committee on permanent organization, beg leave to report that we have given favorable consideration to the names of Hon. Sam J. Wright of Lamar county for permanent chairman of this convention, D. C. Kolp of Wichita county for permanent secretary and Sam McCoy of Galveston and J. H. Stewart of Robertson county for assistant secretaries. We respectfully desire to say that the above recommendations are the unanimous result of our deliberation.

[Signed] NATHAN HYLLER, Chairman. H. S. SANDERSON, Secretary.

L. Campbell of the Ninth senatorial district read a minority report as a substitute:

To the Chairman and Delegates of the Republican State Convention: We welcome every man on the majority report except the one named for chairman.

We, the minority, favor H. H. Rosenthal of the Eighth congressional district for permanent chairman of this convention. [Signed] L. S. CAMPBELL, Chairman. R. J. WILLIS.

Mr. Rosenthal arose to a question of personal privilege, saying that he would not allow his name to go before the convention.

Coney of Galveston took the stand to say a few words. The committee had reported the name of Capt. Wright of Paris, but there was a misconception about his views. He asked in behalf of the Republican party that the convention construe him from the standpoint of reason and not passion. In order to harmonize all difference he asked Capt. Wright

TO EXPLAIN HIS VIEWS. He appealed to everybody to listen to him.

Capt. Wright stood on his chair and said: "I would say the honor of presiding over this meeting has not been thought of nor desired by me. I am a part of no faction, and if made the chairman of the convention I shall keep to the great principle of Republicanism. If I am elected I can say I will have the name of no committee man in pocket."

Mr. Akers spoke in favor of Wright, saying it was an insult to ask Wright to explain himself. He moved the adoption of the majority report.

A committee of three consisting of Messrs. Rosenthal, Dickinson and Coney was named to escort Capt. Wright to the chair. Mr. Rosenthal introduced him in a few words and Capt. Wright addressed the convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the convention—Some men are born to greatness, some have earned it and some it has been thrust upon them. This has evidently been thrust upon me. The honor

FALLS UPON ME UNSOUGHT and in the discharge of its arduous duties I invoke your kindly consideration for any errors I may make. [Applause.] The paths of life which I have tried have not led me to the rostrum. The quiet dignity of a business life has been mine. Yet I feel that in the discharge of the arduous duties before me, by your assistance, the work of the convention can be made a success, its autonomy preserved and the hopes of patriotic Republicans all over the state realized.

To that end I shall work with partiality towards none, knowing no North, no South, no East and no West Texas, and no color line. Fortunately for all concerned you have elected as permanent chairman one who is an orator and public speaker is not a success, consequently the opening prelude to our performance will be short. I can only remind you that the eyes of the people of the state are upon us; that much is expected of us; that wisdom should guide our councils to the end that the progressive movement of the grand old party may be

ONWARD AND UPWARD to the time when we may control and govern this grand old commonwealth. [Applause.] And now beneath the shadow of the Alamo, where Crockett and Bowie and Travis died in defense of their country, and in the language of that great man who has passed over the river with Napoleon, Caesar and Pompey and Alexander the Great—in his language I would say, "Let us have peace." [Applause.]

A TYRANT AT HOME.

Speaker Reed Tries to Explain
His Party's Shortcomings

The Southern Democrat Wants to Rule
Not Only the Negro of the South,
but White Men of the North.

Kansas Republicans Indorse the Free Trade
Ideas as Expounded by Secretary
James G. Blaine.

ROCKWALL COUNTY PROHIBITIONISTS,
Correspondence of the Gazette.

ROCKWALL, TEX., Sept. 2.—There was a meeting of Prohibitionists and others at the courthouse last night, the courtroom being well filled with gentlemen and ladies. It was expected that Hon. S. G. Mullins of Corsicana, candidate for comptroller on the Prohibition ticket, would speak but he failed to appear. Several prohibition songs were sung by a quartette composed of Messrs. J. C. Mullins and J. C. Mullins, and Judge Heath made a short speech which was well received by those present. A prohibition club was organized with thirty-three members, of which A. J. Fender was made chairman and J. C. Mullins secretary. Rev. S. M. Templeton also made one of his characteristic speeches. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

We, the citizens of Rockwall county, in convention assembled, unreservedly subscribe to the following statement of our political position:

1. We favor the abolition of the liquor traffic by law, state and national, statutory and constitutional.

2. We indorse the platform and ticket promulgated by the Prohibition party of Texas, at Fort Worth, May 13, 1890.

3. We give our adhesion, ballots and support to the Prohibition party for the reason that, in our estimate the dissolution of the liquor traffic is the one dominant necessity now confronting American citizens, and this party is the only one devoted primarily and emphatically to this cause.

4. We denounce the course of Democrats in the United States senate and house of representatives for their wanton assault upon the doctrine of state rights by voting against the relief of Prohibition states and districts from the original package plague. We charge this iniquity to the account of the Democratic party, whose policy of pandering to liquor men and foreigners betrays more devotion to the loaves and fishes of office than to the principles of our republican form of government and the preservation of our American institutions and liberties.

5. We denounce the Republican party for its duplicity in dealing with this question whereby it seeks to retain the support of both liquor men and patriots too often at the sacrifice of all for which the latter contend.

6. We rejoice at the deep root prohibition sentiments have taken in so many states, whereby even the Republican administration was driven to give the relief against "original package."

7. We acknowledge it as a high honor paid to our county that the Prohibitionists of Texas should have selected our fellow-citizen, Hon. E. C. Heath, for its standard-bearer in this campaign. From our intimate knowledge of him and of his manner of life, here in the home of his nativity, we do most heartily recommend him to the people of Texas as in every way worthy and well qualified, not only to make the race for governor in so noble a cause as prohibition of the liquor traffic, but to be and serve as governor of the Lone Star state.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION AT FAIRFIELD, Correspondence of the Gazette.

FAIRFIELD, TEX., Sept. 2.—It will be remembered by the readers of THE GAZETTE that the senatorial convention, composed of the counties of Navarro, Limestone and Freestone, met at Corsicana, August 27, and after casting something over 150 ballots, each county voting for its own candidate, adjourned to meet at this place September 2. The convention was called to order to-day at 9 o'clock by the chairman, W. M. White, and the ballot was immediately commenced, each county voting as it had done before at Corsicana, to-wit: Navarro county, 11 votes for Simpkins; Limestone county, 7 votes for Richardson; and Freestone, 6 votes for Steele.

There was no change in the above until about 300 ballots were cast, and the convention was withdrawn. Richardson received 13 and Simpkins 11. There was no change reached in this ballot until 500 were reached. The convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m. After the reassembling of the convention Steele was replaced before the convention and the delegates went back to their old vote, 11 for Simpkins, 7 for Richardson, 6 for Steele, and the 600th ballot, and then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. From the present outlook it seems that each county is determined to nominate its own man, and to turn the three gentlemen loose for a free and all race. There is no compromise in the Navarro delegation. Spokesman Scott seems to be as solid as the rock of Gibraltar, and calls every time Navarro 11 votes solid for Simpkins, while the Limestone and Freestone delegates carry on considerable canvassing. It is to be hoped the deadlock will be broken to-morrow, and one of the three gentlemen will receive the nomination, for we will feel safe in the hands of either one of the candidates.

BAILEY'S OPPONENT.

Special to the Gazette.

DENISON, TEX., Sept. 4.—The press dispatches announced this morning that a Dr. Jackson of Denison has been nominated by the Fifth congressional district convention caucus held at San Antonio yesterday. The names should have read Dr. Alex. W. Acheson, a physician of this city and who by the way is a man in every way worthy the honor conferred. The doctor says that he only submits his name for slaughter by the Democratic nominee Bailey merely for party organization. The doctor is a lily white of the